

districts only go two per cent so we have got a much greater violation of the one-man, one-vote rule in this General Assembly compared with the congressional districts.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair again suggests we are debating a matter not now before us. The schedule of transitional provisions provides for redistricting reapportionment after 1970. This Convention may make it 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976 or any other date, and unless it makes it some date later than 1982, there would be no inconsistency with Amendment No. 15.

Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Delegate Gallagher, do I assume correctly that in the unlikely event that the first half of this divided amended fails, the sponsors would then withdraw the second half?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I will have to cross that bridge when I come to it, but obviously I do not want to depart from a minimum of an average of one redistricting every ten years beginning for the election in 1970. That is the position I try to observe.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Then, Mr. Chairman, I have a point of order. As I believe you pointed out, if the first half is adopted and the second half is not, we are mandating something that I am sure this body does not intend.

THE PRESIDENT: But not an impossibility. That being the case, the Chair's ruling was based on the assumption that if it adopted a course of action that resulted in an absurdity, the Convention would correct it.

Delegate Marvin Smith.

DELEGATE M. SMITH: Mr. President, I think this is a good amendment and I hope the brethren of this Convention will listen to me carefully with reference to it.

Really we have two issues. One is what happens with reference to the General Assembly next time. It is contemplated that we will apparently get at that with the transitory provisions. But as this constitutional provision was written, it would have mandated into the constitution every twentieth year a provision for redistricting based not on the official census but based on something else, based on planning commission figures, based on having the expense of a special census, or on something else. But this provision now sets it

up so that we redistrict every tenth year on the basis of the official figures, on the basis of the official census figures.

I think this is a good provision.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 15 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, LB-2, and LB-3 as amended by Report S&D-16. The question has been divided. The first question arises on lines 1 to 5 inclusive, the second portion on lines 7 to 8.

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell. The question arises on adoption of the first portion of Amendment No. 15.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the first portion of Amendment No. 15. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Mr. President, I would like to cast my vote Aye.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Boileau votes Aye. Does any other delegate desire to vote or change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 117 votes in the affirmative and 3 in the negative, the motion carries. The first portion of Amendment No. 15 is adopted.

The question now arises on adoption of the second portion of Amendment No. 15 comprising lines 7 and 8 in Amendment No. 15.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment, of the second portion of amendment No. 15. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted?

Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Aye.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Boileau votes Aye.